

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fastener product comprising:

a first base having an inner face and an outer face opposite the inner face, the first base comprising a first array of fastening elements on a first portion of the inner face and an adhesive coating on a second portion of the inner face;

a second base having an inner face and an outer face opposite the inner face, the second base comprising a second array of fastening elements releasably engageable with the first array of fastening elements of the first base on the outer face and an adhesive coating on the inner face of the second base; ~~and~~

the first portion of the first base being capable of at least partially ~~overlaps~~ overlapping the second base, such that the first array of fastening elements of the first base engage the second array of fastening elements of the second base; wherein the first base is positioned adjacent to the second base to enable the first array of fastening elements to engage the second array of fastening elements; and

an additional array of fastening elements permitting a first portion of the first base to be secured away from an opening of a package when the fastener product is disposed over the opening of the package to vary the size of the opening that is exposed to a user.

2. (Original) The fastener product of claim 1 wherein one of the first or second arrays of fastening elements comprises loop-engageable fastening elements and the other comprises hook-engageable fastening elements.

3. (Original) The fastener product of claim 2, wherein the loop-engageable fastening elements are integrally molded with the first base.

4. (Original) The fastener product of claim 1 wherein the adhesive coating of the first base and the adhesive coating of the second base lie in substantially the same plane.

5. (Currently Amended) An elongated closure label for reclosably securing an opening defined between adjacent surfaces of a substrate, the closure label comprising:

a first array of fastening elements extending from a first portion of an inner surface of a first base, the first base comprising a backing layer permanently affixed to a second portion of the inner surface of the first base for permanent attachment of the first base to a substrate surface on one surface of the opening, with first portion of the first base extending across the opening; and

a second array of fastening elements extending from a first portion of an outer surface of the second base, the second base comprising a backing layer permanently affixed to a second portion of the inner surface of the second base for permanent attachment of the second base to a substrate surface on the other surface of the opening;

a perimeter gasket arranged around the opening in the substrate, the perimeter gasket connecting the second portion of the first base and the second portion of the second base in a unitary construction;

wherein the first base is positioned adjacent to the second base to enable the first and second arrays of fastening elements to reclosably secure the opening of the substrate.

6. (Currently Amended) A package, ~~having a reclosable frangible section, the package~~ comprising:

a closure strip having a first portion, a second portion, a foldable region therebetween and a back face carrying an adhesive layer along the first portion, the second portion of the closure strip being permanently affixed to the package on a first side of an opening defined by the package, the closure strip comprising an array of first fastening elements carried on the first portion of the back face of the closure strip; ~~and~~

a closure base permanently affixed to the package on a second side of the ~~frangible~~ section-opening and arranged to be substantially overlapped by the first portion of the closure strip, the closure base having a back face carrying an adhesive layer and a front face, the closure base comprising an array of second fastening elements carried on a portion of the front face of the closure base; and

an additional array of fastening elements permitting the first portion of the closure strip to be secured away from the opening to vary the size of the opening exposed to a user;

wherein the first and second arrays of fastening elements are arranged upon the outer surface of the package to enable the first and second arrays of fastening elements to come into contact to reclosably secure the ~~frangible section opening~~ of the package.

7. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 6 wherein the package comprises a box having folding flaps for application of each of the back faces of the closure strip and closure back.

8. (Original) The package of claim 6 wherein the package comprises a bag suitable to be filled from the top.

9. (Original) The package of claim 8 wherein the bag further comprises an expandable gusseted portion for application of the back faces of the closure strip and closure base.

10. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 9 wherein the first ~~fastening portion of the~~ closure strip is configured and adapted to form a spout for pouring the contents of the package contained therein.

11. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 10 wherein the spout is ~~adapted~~ conical for receiving a fitment.

12. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 11 wherein ~~the fitment further comprises an array of third fastening elements for engaging~~ the first fastening elements of the closure strip are engageable with an array of fastening elements on the fitment.

13. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 6 wherein ~~the frangible section comprises a~~ frangible burst membrane is disposed over the opening.

14. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 6 wherein the frangible ~~section~~ burst membrane is perforated along ~~a preferential tear line~~ tear line.

15. (Currently Amended) The package of claim ~~14~~ 13 wherein the frangible burst membrane ~~section is disposed over the first closure strip and closure base bases.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The package of claim ~~14~~ 13 wherein the frangible burst membrane ~~section is disposed beneath the first closure strip and closure base bases.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The package of claim ~~6 comprising 13~~ 13 wherein the frangible burst membrane comprises a breakable film attached over the reclosable frangible section to provide a tamper-evident package.

18. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 6 wherein one of first and ~~closure bases~~ second arrays of fastening elements comprises loop-engageable fastening components and the other comprises hook-engageable fastening elements.

19. (Currently Amended) A package having a reclosable opening comprising:

a closure strip having a first portion, a second portion, a foldable region therebetween and a back face, the closure strip being permanently affixed to a first side of the opening along the second portion, the closure strip comprising an array of first fastening elements carried on the first portion of the back face of the closure strip; and

a closure base permanently affixed to a second side of the opening and arranged to be substantially overlapped by the first portion of the closure strip, the closure base having a back face and a front face, the closure base comprising an array of second fastening elements carried on a portion of the front face of the closure base;

wherein the opening is ~~adapted for receiving~~ shaped to receive a fitment, ~~comprising a third array of fastening elements positioned to engage the first fastening elements of the closure~~

strip being engageable with an array of fastening elements on the fitment to secure the fitment to the package.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of releasably securing an opening of a package, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a closure label comprising:

a first base having an inner face and an outer face opposite the inner face, the first base comprising a first array of fastening elements on a first portion of the inner face and an adhesive coating on a second portion of the inner face;

a second base having an inner face and an outer face opposite the inner face, the second base comprising a second array of fastening elements releasably engageable with the fastening elements of the first base on the outer face and an adhesive coating on the inner face of the second base lying in substantially the same plane as the adhesive coating of the first base;

an additional array of fastening elements permitting the first portion of the first base to be secured away from the opening to vary the size of the opening;

the first portion of the first base at least partially overlaps the second base, such that the fastening elements of the first base engage the fastening elements of the second base;

applying the closure label to an outer surface of the package over the opening; and
separating the first array of fastening elements from the second array of fastening elements thereby providing access to the contents of the package.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the package comprises a box.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the package comprises a bag.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the package further comprises gusseted portions.

24. (New) A closure label for reclosably securing an opening in a substrate, the closure label comprising:

a first array of fastening elements extending from a first portion of an inner surface of a first base, the first base comprising a backing layer permanently affixed to a second portion of the inner surface of the first base for permanent attachment of the first base to the substrate;

a second array of fastening elements extending from a first portion of an outer surface of a second base, the second base comprising a backing layer permanently affixed to a second portion of the inner surface of the second base for permanent attachment of the second base to the substrate, the second base further comprising an aperture arrangeable over the opening in the substrate;

wherein the first base is positioned adjacent to the second base to enable the first portion of the first base to extend across the aperture and enable the first and second arrays of fastening elements to reclosably secure the aperture.